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Dear Ir CHEUNG

**Views from The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers  
Regarding Amendment to Construction Work Designated Areas under  
Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400)**

On behalf of the Institution, I am pleased to present to you our views and suggestions as set out in the enclosure for your consideration on the captioned subject.

The Institution welcomes the opportunity to work with the Government and offer our expertise and experience on the area of concern if and when it is needed.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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**Enclosure**

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In response to the Environmental Protection Department's ("EPD") proposed revision of Designated Areas ("DA") under Section 8A(1) of the Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400), The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers ("HKIE") would like to offer the following views and suggestions for the EPD's consideration:

2. In general, the HKIE welcomes the proposal to extend the coverage of DA to other populated built-up areas in the territory in order to provide the residents concerned the same protection under the Ordinance against construction noise as already in the existing DA.
3. Releasing the major new development areas as non-DA during the development period could facilitate contractors' extended hours of works and speed up the development of the districts. The HKIE supports the proposed measure to re-consider including certain areas in these development areas as DA with respect to future situations such as the projects' phasal completion and population intake, allowing flexibility to promptly respond to the needs of society. The EPD is suggested to provide a clearer picture of this review of DA and future revision schedule to the public for better engagement and communication.
4. For the specific proposed revision of DA in Tai Po, Fanling, Sheung Shui and Sha Tau Kok as presented in Plan no. EPD/AN/NT-02A, it is recommended that the Fanling North New Development Area be also included in the proposed DA (see Annex).
5. In addition to reviewing DA, it is suggested that the Powered Mechanical Equipment ("PME") table should also be updated to include the equipment type and Sound Power Level ("SWL") of the most up-to-date construction equipment. The PME table is important in the application of Construction Noise Permit ("CNP") within DA, especially for the use of Specified Powered Mechanical Equipment ("SPME"). The EPD is recommended to regularly update and publish the latest version of the PME table, preferably on a half-yearly or quarterly basis.
6. Moreover, reviewing of the *Technical Memorandum on Noise from Construction Work in Designated Areas* and *Technical Memorandum on Noise from Construction Work other than Percussive Piling* is also suggested to be conducted regularly.

Annex

